I think as a matter of urgent public importance this is too much of a detail. I think the Hon'ble Member can bring up a discussion on this subject through budget motions.

The motion was ruled out of order.

CONDOLENCE MOTION

re: the demise of Diwan Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Sir, I beg to move that "*This House be pleased to place on record their sense of deep regret at the demise of late Diwan Bahadur T. S. Narayana Iyer, Retired Diwan of Cochin and the First President of the Cochin Legislative Council, and do convey their respectful condolences to the members of the bereaved family.*"

Sir, the late Diwan Bahadur was one of those devoted officers who gave of their best to the service of the State, with a uniformly successful career in official life extending for a period of more than thirty-four years. Coming of a respectable and affluent family in Trichur, he entered the public service in Cochin under very favourable auspices. A talented Ruler had just assumed the Gadi imbued with new aspirations and progressive ideals. It was a period of transition in the administration of Cochin, the old order changing, yielding place to new. Mr. Iyer was the first Cochinite to take the M. A. degree of the Madras University and within a few months of his passing the B. L. examination he was enlisted in the Judicial Department of the State as a District Munsiff. He soon rose in service and held thereafter with ability and distinction many high positions of trust and responsibility maintaining throughout a reputation for thoroughness, efficiency and discipline. The experience he thus gained was of invaluable help to him when at the close of his career he was called upon to occupy the highest position in the State.

His was essentially a judicial mind. As a Judge he maintained a very high standard and for long presided over the highest Court of justice with a dignity and decorum which has never been since excelled. He was appointed Diwan in 1925 and was the First President of the Legislative Council and in that capacity guided the deliberations of this House for a long period of nearly six years. As Diwan his administration was peaceful and progressive. It was an eventful period. The Maharaja's College at Ernakulam was raised to the status of a First Grade College. Negotiations were started for the

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expansion of the Broad Gauge Railway. The discussions regarding the further development of the Cochin Port had reached a stage which raised delicate and vital issues, which he tackled with firmness and caution. He paid particular attention to the finances of the State, husbanded its resources with judicious care and succeeded, before he laid down the reins of office, in maintaining a considerable surplus which was available in good time for investment on productive capital works in the State.

He retired in October 1930 with the good wishes of the people and special marks of honour and appreciation from His Highness the Late Maharaja. It behoves us all, Sir, to pay our respects to the memory of such a distinguished son of the soil.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Mr. President, Sir, the late Diwan Bahadur T. S. Narayana Iyer entering service as a judicial officer almost at its lowest rung by dint of honest and patient work rose to its highest pedestal. His career as a Judge has been one of complete success throughout. He was indeed an ornament to the Chief Court which he occupied for a long time as a Puisne Judge and for a pretty long time as its Chief Judge. His pronouncements from the Chief Court have always been marked for their sobriety and erudition not to speak of their impartiality and independence of a high order. Towards the close of such a distinguished career his master called upon him to assume the responsibilities of a growing administration. Given the opportunity the late Mr. Iyer showed in unmistakable terms that he was not only a judicial officer of a very high order but a very sober statesman too. His period of Diwanship, as was mentioned here by the Hon'ble mover of the condolence resolution was associated with a progressive reign. He was able to find funds for the increasing needs of a growing administration and to lay by a decent sum, at the same time not stinching expenditure on nation-building departments. He was more than all connected with this Hon'ble House being its President almost from its very inception. In his dual capacity as the Diwan President of this House occasions had arisen which but for his calmness of temperament, his parental care towards an unruly but hopeful and promising child, would have launched us all in very great difficulties. But Mr. Iyer was able to steer clear of all these difficulties and has been able to guide us on right lines. It is the loss of such an able and distinguished son of the soil that we all bemoan today. It was unfortunately not

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given to Cochin to have him in our midst for a sufficiently long time free from the fetters of a Government Official. The ways of Providence, it is said, are inscrutable. So let us accept the inevitable and pray for eternal peace to the soul of the departed patriot.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I wish to associate myself with the other speakers on this topic. We have met under the shadow of a great loss to the State. The late Diwan had been such an outstanding figure on the Cochin horizon for more than a decade. I had occasion to come into contact with him in various capacities, particularly as a Judicial officer and as an Executive Head. As a Member of this House from the very early days, I had the privilege of being brought more or less into close and personal touch with the late Diwar. I was invariably a critic of his administration, and now it gives me all the more pleasure to join with others in this chorous of tribute to the memory of a distinguished son of the State.

As the first President of the Legislative Council, we had the fortune to enjoy a good deal of indulgence at his hands. As an elder interested in guiding our inexperienced feet in the proper constitutional channel, he was accommodating even to a fault. During his days rules were meant for the sake of the Council and not the Council for the sake of rules as it were. There was not the slightest tinge of any dictatorial attitude obtruding itself in his conduct. The freedom of discussion on the floor of the House was never choked and was one of the pleasant features of Council proceedings then.

As a Diwan he filled the dual role of the servant of His Highness and the protector of the interests of the public admirably. He was loyal even to a fault to the Government but at the same time he had the welfare of the people always at heart. During his period, the Government had always a surplus budget and the Members of the Council had occasion even to complain at times about the extremely cautious nature of the administration and the tendency to hoard. But he seems to have anticipated the coming events with a foresight which perhaps escaped our observation then. We have entered into the fruits of his labour.

He was not in the least spectacular or ostentatious whether in his private or public life. Calm and unassuming in private life, it was a privilege to come to know him. Reserved by nature, full of the milk of human kindness, he was a man who entered into all the sorrows and hardships of the people of the

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State. His tenure of office at the Bench was always marked by a robust independence which it was quite refreshing to watch.

Though he is no more, he has left us an example of singular and high-souled devotion to public work which, I am sure, would be a source of inspiration to all of us during these critical days. As a Judge, as an efficient administrator, as the President of the Council, but above all as a man, Narayana Iyer had left us a model, a memory which we would do well to cherish. In the annals of the State his name will be remembered with gratitude and affection.

Mr. President.—I also wish to associate myself with the tribute that has been so deservedly paid to the memory of a public servant of the State. I did not have the good fortune to know the late Mr. Ayyar very well. I met him only on a couple of occasions and I certainly was impressed by the dignity of his behaviour and his quiet unassuming ways. I have come across in my career here of the great substantial work that he achieved in his regime and the very loyal and valuable service he rendered to the State. It will be my duty as the President of the Council to communicate to the relatives of the late Mr. Ayyar the tribute of this House and its sense of sorrow on the loss of this great public servant. I would now request you all to stand up in your seats as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Motion was carried unanimously, all the Members standing.

The House rose for lunch at 1 p. m. and re-assembled at 2 p. m. with the Deputy President (M. R. Ry. A. Sankara Menon Avl., B. A. & B. L.) in the Chair.

Announcement of Bills assented to by H. H. the Maharaja.

Secretary to the Council.—Sir, Under S. O. No. 5 (2), I have to announce to the House that the following Bills have received the gracious assent of His Highness the Maharaja:—

1.	The Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill. (Sec. 20)	Regulation XVIII of 1111.
2.	The Abkari Regulation Amendment Bill.	,, XIX of 1111.
3.	The Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill (Sec. 3 (5)).	,, XX of 1111.
4.	The Press and Registration of Books Regulation Amendment Bill.	,, XXI of 1111.

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